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Native Plants and Trees? Yes please!

Why are we so interested in planting native plants and trees for wildlife on the island? A book by Douglas W. Tallamy titled "Bringing Nature Home: How You can Sustain Wildlife on Native Plants" brings up some interesting ideas! We often plant trees, shrubs, and plants for wildlife and birds based on the seeds or fruits which they produce.



Photos: Left—Hairy Beardtongue (*Penstemon hirsutus*); Above—Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*) Photos from Island Preserves

Another important feature for wildlife, especially birds, is how many insects or caterpillars (immature stage of butterflies and moths, order Lepidoptera) a certain plant can support. Did you know that there are 532 species of butterflies or moths that feed on oak trees? Willow, black cherry, and cottonwood support from 450-350 different species. Walnut trees support 130 different

species! The book lists which species of butterflies need specific native shrubs or plants to feed on as immature caterpillars.

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Our Mission:

To encourage conservation and Protection of Natural and Agricultural Lands in the Lake Erie Islands for the Benefit of Future Generations.



FUTURE GENERATIONS

Speaking of Future Generations.... Sandy Funtal captured this sweet photo of a melanistic eastern grey squirrel trying to grab a snack during one of the snowstorms.

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Ohio Outdoor News Article Highlights Preserves

Lake Erie conservancy chapter preserves the islands

By John Hageman, Contributing Writer
Pittsford, Ohio — Since the Lake Erie Islands chapter of the Black Swamp Conservancy formed in 2008, it has been able to preserve and protect more than 20 separate properties through the use of conservation easements, donations, or grant-assisted purchases of acreage on Pelee, Middle Bass, and South Bass Islands.
After being approved by voters in 2007, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District was formed and took over ownership of all of the natural preserves with deed restrictions on Middle Bass and South Bass Islands. The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy serves in an advisory capacity.
The first conservation easement was on the west shore of Pelee Island, specifically to protect Lake Erie water intake habitat. This "no acres easement" is now held by the Black Swamp Conservancy, the parent organization of the former Lake Erie Islands Chapter of the BSC.
Much of Middle Bass Island has elevations barely above lake levels and lots of wetland acreage. The Shores Wildlife Area is known to some islanders as Hank's Pond and others as "the marsh."
It was used for years as a dumping ground, before being cleaned up and dedicated as wetland mitigation areas during the restoration of the Middle Bass Island Airport runway.
Pelee Woods (11.5 acres) and Loverine Estate Property (0.75 acres) are a wooded and adjacent wetland, respectively, adjacent to Koshville Wildlife Area.
Burgandy Bay, a planted subdivision,

Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve on South Bass Island.
has a fair amount of acreage that has never been developed, due to the natural wetland there. Some easements are now allowing their lots to be purchased for wetlands preservation.
The Middle Bass Island Fenced Wetlands Preserve includes the Burgandy Bay Fenced Wetlands Trail in acres, Pelee Property (less than 1 acre), Burgandy Bay Lake (4 acres), the Watson (Section 88.5 acres), and the Schofield Forest (2.5 acres). Then, the purchase of the Middle Bass Fenced Wetland Addition (2.5 acres) adjacent to the Burgandy Bay Trail potentially allows approximately 30 acres of wetland trails there.
Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve,

CF acres) is the most isolated kashak-roncho park and is also extremely used by islanders. An equestrian path was created, trail building occurs three frequently, and a Lake Erie seasonal administration was constructed for wetland trails and trail additional "species of concern" designated under the Endangered Species Act and the National Wetlands Inventory.
The South Bass Island, the Lake Erie Wildlife Woods (2.1 acres) is known to natural administrators, including Dutchman's, broom, and wild hollyhock.
The Jane Curtis Wildflower Trail (3 acres) and Jane Curtis Wildflower Trail Addition (2 acres) were added adjacent to the Lake Erie area. Bird boxes, a bench, and containers for recycling were placed there through additional donations.
The Woodlake area (2 acres) was also added to the Lake Erie Nature Center in Williamsport, which was a former operation of the trail here, and due to requests for a wetland area.
Group Woods (less than 1 acre) was donated to Victory Woods and is currently being used for wetland mitigation.
The Island Park State Nature Preserve (3.4 acres) on the east tip of South Bass is an extremely valuable area and is currently being restored by acquiring birds and monarch butterflies. A chimney well structure and purple martin house have been erected on the site and it is a prime site to view wetland observation location.

The Marie Curtis Preserve (2 acres) contains island shoreline and rare plant species, including the Heathlet. A dock for fishing, trails, benches, and parking lot encourages use of the property.
The Koster Parcel (2 acres) adds additional acreage to the Marie Curtis Preserve for fishing, trails, and open enjoyment of nature.
The Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Museum was donated with the purchase of the 1.2 acres of woods and meadow lot made possible by donations from multiple sources. It contains two open enclosures, a frog pond, a meadow of a bald eagle nest, and a butterfly garden.
From the museum, they host numerous nature programs open to the public and various nature camps for registered youth ages 6-16. They have operated as their own nonprofit organization since 2012.
The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy's next goal is to purchase and preserve the 18-acre Cooper Woods in the interior portion of South Bass, between downtown Put-in-Bay and Hometown's Winery.
They have signed a letter of intent with the DeWeese Park Trust to purchase the property, which the trustees plan to develop into employee housing and infrastructure. This purchase will take a variety of funding sources to accomplish, including conservation grants and matching donations.
To specifically help with the Cooper Woods purchase, and the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy for its ongoing conservation efforts, send checks to LEIC, P.O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, OH 44856.



Former island resident and OSU Stone Lab Manager John Hageman wrote a great article for the Ohio Outdoor News on the work our Conservancy and Park District have been able to accomplish on the islands. Island resident Dave Frederick subscribes to the

article and brought us a copy. Check on the link below for a look at that article! Thanks to John for all the support over the years and Dave for sharing it with us!
<http://lakeerieislandsconservancy.org/ohio-outdoors-article/>



5th Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day!



Sat., August 3, 2019

12 p.m.– 4 p.m.

(after MBI 5K Run)

To BENEFIT signage for the MBI preserves!

(part of Put-in-Bay Township Park District)

To HIGHLIGHT the coastal MBI preserves and the MBI State Park!



Start no later than 1:00 P.M., depending upon your kayaking leisureliness! (Well, there IS a finish time limit.)

- ◆ Start: MBI State Park Campground (W side of MBI State Park) – Sign In. Get 1st poker card.
- ◆ Stop #2: MBI State Park shore (E side of MBI State Park) by MBIYC – Get 2nd poker card + banana.
- ◆ Stop #3: MBI East Point Preserve (S side of East Point) – Get 3rd poker card + granola bar.
- ◆ Stop #4: MBI Swamp Cove at Keuhnle Wildlife Area – Get 4th poker card + sport drink for the long haul.
- ◆ Stop #5: MBI State Park Campground – again! Get 5th poker card + hot dog, chips, bottle of water.
- ◆ (Direction and sequence of stops subject to change due to lake and weather conditions.)
- ◆ Feel free to get out and walk around at any of the stops!

Because of people’s different schedules and kayaking abilities, one need not be present to win! (We’ll tell you!)

- ◇ 1st prize: Round trip ferry boat tickets for 2 adults and 1 vehicle (for PIB or MBI)
- ◇ 2nd prize: Gift card to Middle Bass General Store
- ◇ 3rd prize: Steaks from Costco

1. Mark your calendar.
2. Fill out registration form. (you will get map and kayak # at start)
3. Sign “Waiver and Liability Release” form.
4. Mail or hand registration form + signed release + check/money order payable to: “Put-in-Bay Township Park District” to:

Tina M Larson
1245 North Shore Drive
Middle Bass Island, Ohio 43446

Questions? Email: tmlarson@umich.edu
(Sorry OSU & MSU fans...)

Cost is \$20 if pre-registering and \$25 on-site day of the event – BUT YOU CAN DONATE MORE TO BENEFIT THE PRESERVES!!

In case you’re feeling generous to fund whole or in part: consider a large entrance sign \$1500; 17”x22” interpretive trail sign \$200; (donor name/s on signs included); recycled plastic bench including name/s info inscription & installation \$2000.

For registration forms, go to <http://bit.ly/MBI-Poker-Kayak-Day-2019>, stop at the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center or at the Middle Bass Island State Park or e-mail at tlarson@umich.edu or leiconservancy@gmail.com.

Land Protection Grant Update

By Lisa Brohl



Photo: One of Cooper’s Woods intriguing caves

The Lake Erie islands Conservancy is working with our granting agencies, The Conservation Fund and the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, on the purchase of Cooper’s Woods. We have signed contracts with both and are proceeding to meet the conditions as set up in the purchase agreement with the DeRivera Park Trust Board. We hope to close on the property later this year.

The Put-in-Bay Township Park District is working to purchase two additional parcels on Middle Bass Island to add to their Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve. Grants have been awarded from The Conservation Fund, Clean Ohio Conservation Fund, and the Coastal and Estuarine Land Protection fund for the purchases. The Park District has been working hard to meet all the requirements and hopes to close on these very soon.

Reel Bar Presents Check

By Lisa Brohl



Andy Christiansen of the Reel Bar presents a check for \$500 to Paula and John Ladd of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy from their bar chair challenge. Thanks to the Reel Bar for their continued support!



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Beautiful Native Plant Species Photos from Island Preserves



Photos: Mayapple; Wild Geranium; Large Flowered Trillium

Parrish to Assist PIBTPD *By Lisa Brohl*

Kristin Parrish, a graduate student at the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs, will be working with the Put-in-Bay Township Park District to pursue her Master of Science in Environmental Studies. Her study is titled *A Mixed Media Campaign to Facilitate Public Participation in Recreation and Conservation of the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's Nature Preserves: A Question of Media Effectiveness.*



Photo: Kristin Parrish at Lake Erie

She will be working on a print brochure, social media, and a trail challenge project for the Park District. We are excited about her efforts to promote our land preservation goals to the public. Kristin learned of our efforts when she attended an OSU Stone Laboratory Lake Erie Islands Wetland Plant Field Identification Workshop with Lisa Brohl at the Kelleys Island Field Station last summer as part of her employment with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

She is originally from Lancaster, Ohio and now resides in Columbus, Ohio. Kristin graduated

from Ohio University in 2013 with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Geography and a minor in Political Science. She started her career with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Division of Air Pollution Control for five years and now works for OEPA in the Office of Financial Assistance as an environmental planner. There she works to provide funding for the protection or restoration of Ohio's natural areas or to complete various wastewater or drinking water infrastructure projects in communities around Ohio.

We are excited to be working with Kristin!

Ohio Invasive Plant Council Annual Meeting *By Lisa Brohl*

Chair Lisa Brohl attended the annual Ohio Invasive Plant Council meeting at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus, Ohio on February 13, 2019. It is a great place to learn as much as possible in one day on invasive plants from speakers, poster presentations, and vendor tables.

This information helps guide our efforts to get rid of



Photo: AmeriCorps Intern Alumna Jenna Prahst stands in a huge patch of invasive Garlic Mustard

invasives on our island preserves!

This year the Ohio Department of Natural Resources announced a new initiative titled "Go Native-Grow Ohio" to get municipalities, corporations, and individuals involved in growing native plants for pollinators similar to the Tree City program. There will be different levels of achievement and signage to acknowledge it.

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Winter Wildlife Photos by Island Adventurers



Photos: Clockwise—Eastern Grey Squirrel, White-tailed Deer, and Red-breasted Nuthatch all by Sandy Funtal; Bottom—Red-tailed Hawk by Pam Stephens

LEIC and PIBTPD Wish List

Winter is coming and that always slows things down a bit, but that doesn't mean we won't need your help! Let us know if you can help us out with any of these items at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. Or you may have skills you wish to contribute—please call!

- New members! Check us out at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org!
- Volunteers ALWAYS NEEDED to spread mulch on trails, remove downed trees and pick up litter-garlic mustard pulling in spring-Massie Cliffside Preserve, Scheeff East Point Preserve, Dodge Woods, Jane Coates Trail, Middle Bass Island East Point Preserve and Forested Wetland Preserve.
- Recycled Copying Paper, Ink for Printers (Brother LC 61, HP 970XL, HP 971XL-Must not be generic)
- Part-Time Employee or AmeriCorps intern funding
- Website and Social Media Assistance
- Adobe editing programs
- GIS Maps of our Preserves
- Assistance with trail layout, construction, parking, and mulching with extension of the trail at the Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Area.
- Interpretive Signs for Middle Bass Island Forested Wetland Preserve and other new preserves (\$200 each-can add donors name) Bench (\$2,000-can add donors name)
- Larger Office Space, Assistance sorting, filing, organizing office.
- Bird Banding Supplies: Conduit, 12 - 3/4 inch X 10 foot, 24 - 1/2 inch X 10 foot, 5 - 3/8 inch rebar X 10 foot, 36 - 9 inch metal tent stakes, 1 - 5 pound hammer
- Golf Cart for Summer Transport of tools, personnel



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Massie's Makes for Gorgeous Photos When the Winds Comes Blowing off the Lake



Photos: Clockwise—Icy Sunset; Wisps of Icy "Hair" hanging over the cliff; Massie's fence appears to be standing firm against the icy blast from the lake
Photos by Brian Hovey

2019 Artisan Fairs to Benefit LEIC *By Lisa Brohl*

Christie Ontko is proposing the following dates, times, and places for the 2019 Artisan Fair to benefit the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy. Please contact Christie at the addresses below, if you want to participate or have comments on this plan. We look forward to a fun 2019 season of island art, baked goods, and produce offered for sale!

June 20, July 18, August 15, 2019

11:00am-4:00pm

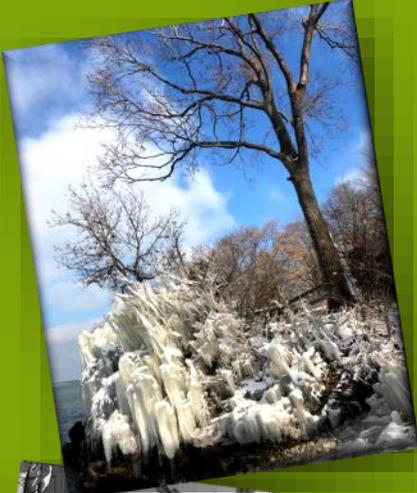
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Additional Days During Island Green Week, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 5, 6, and 7th, 2019.

Christie Ontko, P. O. Box 507, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456
ontkorganiz@yahoo.com



Massie's Makes Winter Wonderland Again



Photos of Massie's Cliffside Preserve showing how ice forms along the shoreline when the cold winds blow in... Susan Byrnes captured these beauties!

Wecker Named Chief, Ohio Division of Wildlife *By Lisa Brohl*



Photo: New Director of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Mary Mertz congratulates the new chief of the Division of Wildlife Kendra Wecker

Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director Mary Mertz named Kendra Wecker as chief of the ODNR Division of Wildlife on Saturday, Jan. 19. Wecker brings more than 25 years of experience working for the division building programs and partnerships that have helped shape Ohio's conservation efforts. She becomes the first female Chief of the Division of Wildlife.

Wecker has advised numerous ODNR Division of Wildlife chiefs and other senior staff on legislative issues for all aspects of hunting, fishing, trapping and shooting sports. She has worked on many large projects affecting Ohioans, including commercial fishing regulations, Sunday hunting and improved shooting ranges. She was instrumental in proposing legislation for the popular cardinal and bald eagle license plates, and in the

creation of the Ohio Biodiversity Conservation Partnership as well as the popular Ohio Diversity Conference.

Wecker was the Wildlife Diversity Coordinator for almost 20 years before becoming the Information & Education Executive Administrator in 2016. In both roles she worked with outside organizations on outdoor public education programs, advised multiple chiefs on important topics, managed research project budgets totaling over \$1 million, and coordinated legislative issues for the division.

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy and the Put-in-Bay Township Park District have worked closely with Kendra to preserve lands on both South Bass and Middle Bass and are excited that she will be playing an even larger role now with the Ohio Division of Wildlife.



Sun Dog Captured by Local Photographer Susan Byrnes

parhelion, is an atmospheric optical phenomenon that consists of a bright spot to one or both sides of the sun. Two sun dogs often flank the Sun within a 22-degree halo.

The sun dog is caused by the refraction of sunlight by ice crystals in the atmosphere. Sun dogs typically appear as a pair of subtly colored patches of light, around 22 degree, to the left and right of the Sun, and at the same altitude above the horizon as the Sun. They can be seen anywhere in the world during any season but are not always obvious or bright. Sun dogs are best seen and most conspicuous when the Sun is near the horizon.

This photo was taken by Susan Byrnes while kayaking near the South Bass Island Lighthouse recently. Her husband Mike noticed a partial rainbow in the sky. After Susan snapped the photo, she looked up this phenomenon and discovered it is called a sun dog.

Information from Wikipedia tells us that a sun dog (or sundog) or mock sun, formally called a

Thanks for sharing with us Susan!

LEIC Native Tree & Plant Sale ORDER FORM

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy (LEIC) is now taking orders for native trees and plants for the islands. We are using Riverside Native Trees, Quail Ridge Specimen Trees, and Natives in Harmony for our native tree and plant sale. Buying and planting native trees and shrubs is a great way to provide quality habitat for the birds, butterflies, moths and other wildlife on the islands. We are promoting the planting of native trees and shrubs because our native animals are adapted to feeding on these plants and using them for shelter. By planting native species, you are making your land more attractive to birds, bees, butterflies, moths and a host of other desirable species. This fundraiser will be used to support the LEIC land preservation and restoration programs!

Trees: Native trees and shrubs are for sale in 3-gallon or 20-gallon sizes. The varieties available are Swamp White Oak, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Sycamore, Black Walnut, Kentucky Coffee Tree, and Silver Maple. Shrubs offered are Silky Dogwood, Hoptree, Swamp Rose, Swamp Rose Mallow, Buttonbush, and Common Elderberry. All these trees and shrubs are native to the islands and will thrive in this environment. They have been grown from Ohio seed stock by Riverside Native Trees in Delaware, Ohio or Quail Ridge Specimen Trees.

Plants: We're selling over 30 varieties of native perennial plants and flowers from Natives in Harmony of Marengo, Ohio. Each year she offers at least one wildflower raised from South Bass Island seeds-hairy beardtongue! Order forms are available at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org or contact Lisa at 419-366-2087. Beautify your yard and support the Conservancy!

Orders may be placed until May 1 and we will arrange a pick up on the island. For those on Middle Bass who wish to order, a pick up on Middle Bass will be set up as well. For Order Forms and any questions, please contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087.

Send Order Form and Payment to: LEIC, P.O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456
Please make checks payable to LEIC-Add \$5.00 for shipping/handling - Thank You for your support!!

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

Riverside Native Trees and Quail Ridge Native Trees Selection

	TREES	Qty	Size	Cost	Total
	Northern Red Oak - well drained		2-3'	\$25	
	Swamp White Oak - wet areas		3-4'	\$30	
			5-6'	\$40	
	Bur Oak - can withstand drought or wet conditions		2-3'	\$25	
	American Sycamore - wet, banks and bottomlands		4-7'	\$40	
	Silver Maple - moist and fertile soil, swamps, streambanks, bottomlands		4-6'	\$40	
	Kentucky Coffee Tree - moist and alkaline soils - perfect for the Island		3-4'	\$30	
	Black Walnut - bottomlands and hillsides with rich soils		2-3'	\$25	
	Total				

Tree Leaf Photos obtained from "What Tree Is It?" - OPLIN-QHS/CC BY 3.0 (CC) BY-NC-SA

	20" Wire Baskets (Trunk Measurement by Caliper)	Qty	Size	Cost	Total
	Swamp White Oak - wet areas		¾"	\$100	
			1"	\$125	
			1½"	\$175	
	Red Oak - well drained		¾"	\$100	
			1"	\$125	
			1½"	\$175	
	Bur Oak - can withstand drought or wet conditions		¾"	\$100	
			1"	\$125	
			1½"	\$175	
	Black Cherry - moist but well-drained soil, strong valuable timber		¾"	\$100	
			1"	\$125	
			1½"	\$175	
	Sassafras - poorer soils, old fields, roadsides, fencerows, open slopes		¾"	\$100	
			1"	\$125	
			1½"	\$175	
	Total				

	SHRUBS**	Qty	Size	Cost	Total
	Hoptree - wet or well-drained, sun to partial shade <small>photo "Hoptree (Pteris aquilina)" by Jason Hillman</small>		3-6'	\$30	
	Common Elderberry - moist soil, creates clump quickly, sun <small>photo "Common Elderberry" by Jason Hillman</small>		2-3'	\$25	
	Silky Dogwood - moist soil, poorly drained, tolerates shade well <small>photo "Silky Dogwood (Cornus obliqua) Fruit" by Chris Evans, University of Illinois, Bugwood.com</small>		2-3'	\$25	
	Total				

	SHRUBS**	Qty	Size	Cost	Total
	Buttonbush - shorelines and swamps, moist soil, full sun, flowering is poor in shade or dry soil <small>buttonbush (Cephalanthus occidentalis) flowers" by Franklin Bocner, USFS (ret.), Bugwood.com</small>		2-3'	\$25	
	Swamp Rose Mallow - moist to wet, full sun <small>photo from Riverside Native Trees</small>		2-3'	\$25	
			3-6'	\$30	
	Swamp Rose - moist soil, creates colony/clump <small>photo by Bruce Collins, B&B/NRA Landscape Architecture, University of Georgia - Photo used with permission</small>		2-3'	\$25	
	Total				

Natives in Harmony Plant Selection

Plants Names and Info	2.5" Pots (\$3) Qty.	Quarts (\$5) Qty.	Gallons (\$8) Qty.	Plants Names and Info	2.5" Pots (\$3) Qty.	Quarts (\$5) Qty.	Gallons (\$8) Qty.
Woodland Phlox (Wild Sweet William) - shade, woodland, spring				Virginia Mountain Mint - part shade to full sun, rocky, summer			
Nodding Wild Onion - sun, will grow in rocky ground, summer				Starry False Solomon's Seal - partial sun, moist to slightly dry, late spring			
Blue Flag Iris - partial to full sun, wet to moist, late spring to early summer				Cardinal Flower - full sun to shade, moist to wet, summer			
Wild Columbine - rocky, sun or part shade, spring				Great Blue Lobelia - part shade to full sun, wet, late summer-fall			
Boneset - full to partial sun, humus-rich, wet to moist soil, late summer to early fall				Square-Stemmed Monkey Flower - part shade to full sun, moist to wet, summer			
Jack-in-the-Pulpit - shade, woodland, spring				Virginia Bluebells - shade, woodland, spring			
Virginia Knotweed - shade to partial shade, moist well-drained, mid to late summer, woods and thickets				Downy Yellow Violet - partial sun to light shade, moist to moderately wet, meadows or even sandy woodlands, mid to late spring			
Wild Geranium - shade, woodland, spring				Mayapple - shade, woodland, spring			
Hairy Wood Mint - partial sun to light shade, moist loamy to rocky soil, woodlands or thickets, mid-summer				Hairy Beardtongue L.Erie - sun, fields and open areas, summer (Seeds harvested from SBI!!)			
Harebell - full sun to some shade, moist to dry, will grow in shallow rocky ground, early to late summer				False Nettle - light shade, moist loamy soil, woodlands to swamps, mid-summer to early fall			
Wild Hyacinth - sun to light shade, moist conditions, rich loamy soil, mid to late spring				Rough Hedge-Nettle - part shade to sun, moist, woodland or hillsides, shade, mid to late summer			
Blue Vervain - part shade to full sun, late summer to early fall				**Purple Coneflower - part shade to full sun, late summer			
Evening Primrose - sun, somewhat moist, prairies or thickets to lakeshore dunes, mid-summer to fall, honeybees, hummingbirds				**Black-Eyed Susan - full to partial sun, moist well-drained fertile soil, mid-summer to early fall			
New England Aster - part shade or sun, late summer to fall				Buttonbush Shrub (from Kelley's Island) - full sun, moist, shorelines and swamps			
Winged Loosestrife - full sun, wet to moist soil, poorly drained, mid to late summer				Big Bluestem Grass - Sandy to loamy soils, full sun or partial shade			
Great White Trillium - moist humus-rich soil, shade, mid-spring to mid-summer				Virginia Wild Rye Grass - tolerant of shade, moist soil			
Common Milkweed - full sun, moist to dry, all soils but prefers rich loamy soil, early to mid-summer				Canada Wild Rye Grass - full sun, prairie, any type of dry to moist soil, draws butterflies, pollinators			
Whorled Milkweed - full sun, moist to dry, all soils but prefers infertile soil, early to late summer				Little Bluestem Grass - full sun, moist to dry, meadows to slopes, draws butterflies, pollinators, nesting habitat			
Red (Swamp) Milkweed - sun to partial shade, moist soil, mid-summer to early fall				Purple Love Grass - full sun, dry, sandy or gravelly, late summer to early fall			
Quantity Totals				Quantity Totals			
Price Each	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.00	Price Each	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.00
Totals				Totals			

**NATIVE TO OHIO but not BASS ISLANDS

Total for all columns

\$

4th Annual Island Green Week Highlights Natural Beauty of Lake Erie's Bass Islands



The Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center, Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, OSU's Stone Laboratory, the Put-in-Bay Township Park District and the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society have collaborated to produce a mixture of Ecotourism, Adventure Travel, Agritourism, and History sponsored by the Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce, the Put-in-Bay Gazette, Miller Boat Line, Jet Express, Park Hotel, Frosty Bar, Cameo Pizza, The Boardwalk, and Lake Erie Shores and Islands. This celebration, Island Green Week, 2019, will run from August 3rd - August 14th.

This annual event allows visitors to learn more about the island's many natural treasures that are on the Lake Erie Islands through a variety of events all in one week. Participants will enjoy the natural beauty, geology, and ecology of these islands. By doing this we will promote the local businesses and generate more overnight stays so visitors are able to enjoy the events described below.

Keep Posted to <http://lakeerieislandswildlife.com/> for details!

Calendar of Events August 3-14, 2019

⇒5th Annual Middle Bass Island Poker Kayak Day, MBI

Saturday August 3 @ 12:00 p.m. on Middle Bass Island; Cost - \$20 pre-registration \$25 on site. Kayakers start and finish at the Middle Bass Island State Park west beach (No starts later than 1:00 pm). The paddle around the island includes three additional stops (the State Park Marina, the MBI East Point Preserve, and the Kuehnle State Wildlife Area/Petersen Woods Preserve). A welcome packet at the start has a description of the course and information about the stops. Stops are staffed with volunteers for safety and to distribute poker cards and snacks. The finish has a cook-out with hot-dogs, chips, and bottle of water while 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners are determined. Proceeds from the event will benefit signage for the Put-in-Bay Township Park District's newest preserves on Middle Bass Island. (Rain Date August 4) Registration is available at: <http://bit.ly/MBI-Poker-Kayak-Day-2019> Deadline to register is August 1, 2019.

⇒Historic Lonz Winery Tours, MBI

Saturday August 3, Sunday August 4, and Saturday August 10, Sunday August 11. 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Saturday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on Sunday, Middle Bass Island; Cost - FREE. Participants will be able to tour the iconic Lonz Winery Cellars, Lonz Boat House, and the grounds of the Lonz Mansion as well as Middle Bass Island State Park and the newly renovated Lonz Winery Pavilions. The Sonny-S Boat Line Inc. is available from the Boardwalk at Put-in-Bay to the main dock on Middle Bass. Sonny S. The Sonny S Ferry Prices are; One-



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AUGUST 3-14, 2019

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⇒Historic Aquatic Visitor Center Tours with Wild Saturday Outreach Program, PIB

August 3, 7, 8, 9, 10 from 10am to 5pm; Cost - FREE. Visitors can stop by the Aquatic Visitors Center, about one mile west of downtown Put-in-Bay, to experience Lake Erie science up close. Activities include inspecting Lake Erie's complex ecosystem through hands-on displays, observing and identifying live fish in ten large aquariums, and discovering current research to protect Lake Erie. Children under age 16 can fish from the fishing pier for free. The facility is run by Ohio Sea Grant and OSU's Stone Laboratory. Saturdays (August 4 and 11) will also include special interpretive programs from 1 pm to 3 pm.

⇒Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center Tours

August 3-14 from 11am to 5 pm daily. Cost - \$3.00 Adults, \$2.00 Children 6-13yrs old, \$2.00 Seniors, \$8.00 for a family group. Guests can visit the Nature and Wildlife, located on Meechan Rd, and view animals from all over North America. A beautifully preserved display of wildlife and habitats that can only be matched by national museums. There is also an extensive display of Monarch butterflies, educational materials, and a live Bee Hive! This is a must do during our Island Green Week and is an island favorite for natural education and family interaction. Visit <http://lakeerieislandswildlife.com/> for more information on events, school groups, or Nature Camp.

⇒4th Annual Eco-Tour

Monday August 5 and Tuesday August 6 from 9am to 5pm; Cost- \$20.00 adult, under 18 FREE, on South Bass Island. Participants may stop in at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall any time during these days to pick up their tour packets that will include maps, tour booklets, several goodies, freebies, and coupons from island businesses. This unique ramble and island tour will include over 32 fun nature and history related stops. Among the highlights planned are hiking Coopers Woods, seeing a

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natural cave, touring island vineyards and docent tours of island churches and other historic buildings. Discounts at several restaurants, reduced entrance fees at attractions, and coupons for gift shops will be given to Island Eco-Tour participants. Proceeds will benefit the Put-in-Bay Township Park District and will be used to maintain and preserve island parks.

⇒Artisan Fair, PIB

Monday August 5 and Tuesday August 6 from 9am to 5pm; Cost – FREE. Local artists gather to sell art, crafts, beauty products and more. The craft market will take place alongside the Eco-Tour at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Come see what our Island Artisans have on showcase! Baked goods, Homegrown & canned jams and sauces, Handmade Crafts and Art, Jewelry, Skin & Body Care, & Healing Remedies. Our goal is to produce an event that is beneficial and enjoyable to the artists, as well as a place where tourists will feel at home and look forward to coming back yearly.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Christie Ontko at OntkOrganix@yahoo.com.

⇒Miller Boat Line Stargazing Cruise, PIB *Pre-Purchase of Tickets Recommended

Monday August 5 at 8pm; cost - Adults- \$30, Kids - \$15. The ferry cruise will leave from the downtown Miller Boat Line dock on Put-in-Bay at sunset. The stars will light up the sky as Cleveland State University instructor and astronomer, Jay Reynolds, will engage with the guests sharing information about the night sky, planets, and stars. Passengers will have an amazing opportunity to enjoy the show from outer space as the ferry boat travels around the Lake Erie Islands. Heineman's Winery is donating wine. Delicious hors d'oeuvres will be donated by Frosty Bar, The Put-in-Bay Gazette, and Cameo Pizza. Bring your own chair. Proceeds will benefit the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. Tickets are available at the Wildlife Center on Meechan Rd., or by credit card over the phone at 419-285-3037.

⇒Wild Tuesdays- "Slitherin' Snakes", PIB

Tuesday August 6 from 1pm to 3pm at the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center; Cost –FREE. The purpose of our Wild Tuesday programs is to educate visitors and residents about Ohio's native wildlife by providing up-close and hands-on interactive experiences. Snakes, will be presented by Dr. Kristin Stanford from OSU's Stone Laboratory. Kristin will feature the Lake Erie Watersnake and other native snakes to teach about the importance of snakes on the islands. This is a really "wild" family event.

⇒Lantern Tour of Historic Hotel Victory Grounds, PIB

Tuesday August 6 from 7:30pm to 9:00pm; Cost - FREE. South Bass Island State Park will host a Lantern Tour of the famous Hotel Victory grounds. This family event will start with a beautiful sunset at South Bass Island State Park and end at the Hotel Victory Swimming Pool Pavilion. The tour will highlight various still-existing features of the Hotel Victory, a history of the grounds, and exciting facts about life at the Hotel. Tour provided by Naturalist and Island Resident Renee Market.

⇒5th Annual Pig Roast & Raffle, PIB *Pre-Purchase of Tickets Recommended

Wednesday August 7 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at the Goat Restaurant;

Cost - \$15 Pre-Purchased \$20.00 on site. Participants will be treated to a slow spit-roasted hog with corn and baked potatoes along with tasty sides donated by The Goat Soup and Whiskey. Popular island entertainers feature performances of favorite songs. There will be a silent auction with a variety of unique island prizes such as: a trip for two to Rattlesnake Island, Ferry Passes, a biplane ride, a five-course dinner for Four at a local restaurant, and hand-crafted art work.

Raffle tickets will be available at the Goat Restaurant on the day of the event. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Lake Erie Islands Nature & Wildlife Center. Tickets are available at the Wildlife Center on Meechan Rd., or by credit card over the phone at 419-285-3037.

⇒Historic Gibraltar Island Tour, PIB

Thursday August 8 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm OR 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm; Cost - \$5.00. Tours are limited to the first 70 participants on a first come, first served basis. The two hour-long island tour will include a glimpse of the history and natural history of this island, including the historic Stone Laboratory and Cooke's Castle. The Water Taxi to Gibraltar will leave from the Boardwalk (\$3 Round Trip) Participants should plan to get there 15 minutes prior to tour time. Parking will be available at the Town Hall or on the Street, not at the Boardwalk.

⇒Lake Erie Islands Historic Society Auction, PIB

Thursday August 8: viewing time 3:00pm to 5:00pm; live auction at 5:00pm at Heineman's Winery on Put-in-Bay. The annual auction of the Lake Erie Islands Historical Society will feature a very impressive selection of items donated by Put-in-Bay residents and businesses, many of which focus on Put-in-Bay History. Cash Bar.

⇒Painting at the Lonz Pavilion – Brushing up with History, MBI

Friday August 9 at 6:00pm Cost - \$20.00. Come to the beautifully renovated Lonz Pavilion for an evening of painting and history. We will supply the materials and Mother Nature will supply the subject matter. Island artists will guide you to capture your subject on canvas. Island Naturalist Renee Market will supply the rich island history while you paint and enjoy the spectacular view. This event is open to ages 13+. BYOB event. The Sonny-S Boat Line Inc. is available from the Boardwalk at Put-in-Bay to the main dock on Middle Bass. Sonny S. The Sonny S Ferry Prices are; One-way fares, CASH ONLY. Adults (13+)- \$6.00, Children (6-12) \$3.00, Children (under 6) Free.

⇒Historic South Bass Island Lighthouse Tours, PIB

Saturday August 10 from 11am to 5pm at the South Bass Island Light on Put-in-Bay; Cost - FREE. Guests will be able to tour the South Bass Island Lighthouse and learn about its history; climb its stairs up 60 feet to take in the stunning views of Put-in-Bay and Lake Erie from the top of the tower; and to walk the historic grounds that include a butterfly garden certified by Monarch Watch. On the National Register of Historic Places.

⇒Kelleys Island Glacial Groove Tour and Geology Hike, KI

Saturday August 10 from 1:00pm to 3:00pm; Cost - FREE. Join the staff of Kelleys Island State Park for an opportunity to visit and view up close the largest glacial grooves in North America. The tour will also include a visit to one of Kelleys Island's abandoned quarries to discuss fossils and the habitat created by this aging quarry. Participants will have the

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option to ride the Jet Express to Kelleys Island from Put-in-Bay. Discounts to be announced, call 419.285.3037 for more information.

⇒Pitch Black Kayak, PIB

Monday August 12 at 8:00pm. Cost - \$10.00 *Pre-Purchase of Tickets Recommended

There is no better way to experience the cliffs of South Bass Island State Park than by Kayak. Join us for a night time kayak event, in partner with Put-in-Bay Watercraft Rentals. Certified Kayak Instructor and State Park Naturalist Renee Market will guide participants around the water and detail events of the fateful night the Hotel Victory burned above the cliffs. This event is weather permitting, and all participants must be 18 years or older. Minors welcome accompanied by a guardian.

⇒Painting on the Porch, PIB

Tuesday August 13 1:00pm until 3:00pm Cost - \$20.00 *Pre-Purchase of Tickets Recommended

A Sip 'n' Paint Party at Lake Erie Island Nature and Wildlife Center! No experience necessary! Local artist Brenda Nemec will walk you through a painting, step by step, while you sit back, sip on a beverage, and follow along. Simply sign up at the center and show up. If your looking for a great way to spend time with friends, be creative, and enjoy a beautiful afternoon on Put-in-Bay this is a must do event. This event is open to ages 13+. It is a BYOB event. For more information call the LEINWC 419-285-3037 or Renee Market 419-708-5798

⇒Meteor Shower at the Tower, MBI

Tuesday August 13 from 8:00pm until 12:00am Cost - FREE at The Lonz Pavilion, Middle Bass Island State Park. This evening event invites participant to watch the Perseid Meteor Shower, which will reach its maximum rate of activity on 13 August 2019. Some shooting stars associated with the shower are expected to be visible each night from 23 July to 20 August. Participants are encouraged to bring their own food and drinks, chairs or blankets, and watch the meteor shower from the open-air pavilion. Restrooms are available and the entire Middle Bass Island State Park is accessible for all. The Sonny-S Boat Line Inc. is available from the Boardwalk at Put-in-Bay to the main dock on Middle Bass. Sonny S. The Sonny S Ferry Prices are; One-way fares, CASH ONLY. Adults (13+)- \$6.00, Children (6-12) \$3.00, Children (under 6) Free

⇒Rekindling Victory: A Historic Celebration, PIB

Wednesday, August 14 from 12:00pm until 6:00pm Cost – FREE

The 100 Year Anniversary for a major island misfortune. The Hotel Victory stood on the south shore of Put-in-Bay for a glorious 27 years before the fateful night when it burned to the ground by an unknown caused fire. For a century people have been fascinated by the Victory and her mysterious end. Join us Wednesday Afternoon for a reception in her honor. Island natives and visitors alike can enjoy an afternoon with Victory with a special group of people who are intrigued by her beauty, mass, history, and downfall. The celebration will be a casual

picnic setting on the cliffs of South Bass Island State Park, light fair and wine will be available for purchase. Yard games, tours, and local artist will fill the afternoon with entertainment. Guests are encouraged to dress for the time; Circa 1919. Reception will be held in partner with Lake Erie Island Nature and Wildlife Center, South Bass Island State Park, and other Island Businesses. For more information on the event contact Renee Market 419-708-5798

The following businesses have generously donated discounts, please support them during your visit to Put-in-Bay, Middle Bass Island, Gibraltar Island, and Kelleys Island.

Ohio's Lake Erie Shores & Islands- <http://www.shoresandislands.com>

Park Hotel- <https://www.parkhotelpib.com>

Miller Boat Line- <https://www.millerry.com>

Put-in-Bay Chamber of Commerce- <http://www.visitputinbay.com>

The Boardwalk- <http://the-boardwalk.com>

Ohio State University's Stone Laboratory- <https://stonelab.osu.edu>

Island Bike Rental- http://www.ibrcarts.com/public/bike_cart_rental

Put-in-Bay Gazette- pibgazette@frontier.com

Put-in-Bay Historical Society- <http://www.leihs.org>

Jet Express- <https://jet-express.com>

E's Golf Cart- <https://www.esputinbaygolfcarts.com>

Ohio State Parks- <http://parks.ohiodnr.gov>

Frosty Bar- <http://frostys.com>

Cameo Pizza- <http://pitinbaycameopizza.com>

Transportation Discounts

E's Golf Cart Rental- \$10 off day rental, August 3-14. For discount mention Island Green Week.

Miller Boat Line, - Discount to participants for passengers for Put-in-Bay and Middle Bass Islands.

Island Bike Rental- \$20 off day golf cart rental at the Jet Express and Lime Kiln Dock, Put-in-Bay on Monday to Friday ONLY. Mention Island Green Week.

Island Lodging Partner Discount

Park Hotel, <https://www.parkhotelpib.com> - August 5-9 Sunday through Thursday ONLY. Buy 2 weekday nights get 1 night FREE. **THIS DISCOUNT CAN ONLY BE RESERVED BY PHONE 419.285.3581.** Mention Island Green Week.

While the many activities for Island Green Week are sure to keep visitors busy, everyone is encourage to explore the many wonderful features of South Bass Island as well. Whether that's historic treasures, caves, museums or simply the gorgeous limestone shores of the island, the choice is completely up to you. Some fees apply.

Lodging and transportation information is available at visitputinbay.com or go to SHORESandIslands.com.

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We all know about monarch caterpillars needing milkweed to feed on. The little known hoptree or wafer ash supports the caterpillars of the Giant Swallowtail, a beautiful butterfly to have around. And immature butterflies and moths as well as other insects are very important food sources for birds in addition to being beautiful to watch.

Using native plants instead of cultivars of perennials supports a wider range of pollinators because of the broader genetic make-up found in native plants. Native plants are better suited to our yearly conditions, cold in



Photo: Wild Columbine

winter, hot and dry in summer, wet periods, or the clay based soil that holds water then dries.

Insect pollinators are having a tough time and have a very important job. Anything we can do to keep them going, even in our own backyard is helpful. For more information, check out the Ohio Pollinators Habitat Initiative website or consider attending their conference in August.

So take a look at the native trees and plants for sale in this newsletter and keep them in mind as you plan your yard for wildlife or birds. Consider planting an oak tree for all the species that will benefit-including you!

2018 Bird Banding Update *By Tom Bartlett*

Species	Date	SBI	MBI	NBI	Bass Is.
Ruby-throated Hummingbird*	1	9	10		19
Eastern Screech-Owl*	1	1	2		3
Red-bellied Woodpecker*	1	2			2
Downy Woodpecker*	1	15	8	2	25
Northern Flicker*	1	1	2		3
Eastern Wood-Pewee*	1		3		3
Yellow-bellied Flycatcher	1	2	2		4
Acadian Flycatcher*	1	1			1
Least Flycatcher	1	6	2		8
Eastern Phoebe*	1	2		1	3
Great Crested Flycatcher*	1		1		1
Eastern Kingbird*	1	2			2
White-eyed Vireo*	1	2	1		3
Yellow-throated Vireo*	1	1	3		3
Blue-headed Vireo	1	2	5		7
Warbling Vireo*	1	3	2		5
Philadelphia Vireo	1		1		1
Red-eyed Vireo*	1	1	1		2
Blue Jay*	1	6	12		18
Purple Martin*	1	319			319
Tree Swallow*	1	43	13	1	57
Northern Rough-winged Swallow*	1	1			1
Barn Swallow*	1	6		2	8
Black-capped Chickadee*	1	11	13		24
Red-breasted Nuthatch*	1	2	7		9
White-breasted Nuthatch*	1	5	1		6
Brown Creeper	1		2		2
House Wren*	1	11	19		30
Winter Wren	1		4		4
Carolina Wren*	1	2	8		10
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher*	1	1	3		4
Golden-crowned Kinglet	1		8		8
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1	13	31		44
Veery*	1	2	4		6
Gray-cheeked Thrush	1	1	16		17
Swainson's Thrush	1	13	92		105
Hermit Thrush	1		32		32
Wood Thrush	1	1	5		6
American Robin*	1	51	68	2	121
Gray Catbird*	1	28	19		47
Brown Thrasher*	1		2		2
European Starling*	1		9		9
Cedar Waxwing*	1	1			1
House Sparrow*	1	18			18
House Finch*	1	5	1		6
American Goldfinch*	1	10	18	2	30
Eastern Towhee*	1	1	1		2
Chipping Sparrow*	1		1		1
Savannah Sparrow*	1	1	2		2
Song Sparrow*	1		7		7
Lincoln's Sparrow	1	4	1		5
Swamp Sparrow*	1	1	8		9
White-throated Sparrow	1	4	71		75
White-crowned Sparrow	1		2		2
Dark-eyed Junco	1	1	2		2
Yellow-breasted Chat*	1	1			1
Orchard Oriole*	1	4			4

Species	Date	SBI	MBI	NBI	Bass
Baltimore Oriole*	1	23	8	1	32
Brown-headed Cowbird*	1	9	7	1	17
Red-winged Blackbird*	1	206	149	49	404
Common Grackle*	1	48	25		73
Ovenbird*	1	3	28		31
Northern Waterthrush	1	5	8		13
Blue-winged Warbler	1		2		2
Black-and-white Warbler*	1	5	14		19
Tennessee Warbler	1	1	3		4
Orange-crowned Warbler	1		1		1
Nashville Warbler	1	3	29		32
Common Yellowthroat*	1	9	15		24
Hooded Warbler	1	2	4		6
American Redstart*	1	3	4		7
Cape May Warbler	1		2		2
Cerulean Warbler	1		1		1
Northern Parula	1	1			1
Magnolia Warbler	1	16	13		29
Bay-breasted Warbler	1		3		3
Blackburnian Warbler	1		2		2
Yellow Warbler*	1	21	23	2	46
Chestnut-sided Warbler*	1	2	2		4
Blackpoll Warbler	1		78		78
Black-throated Blue Warbler	1	1	5		6
Palm Warbler	1	1	19		20
Yellow-rumped Warbler	1	1	73		74
Black-throated Green Warbler	1	6	7		13
Wilson's Warbler	1		1		1
Scarlet Tanager*	1		2		2
Northern Cardinal*	1	28	11		39
Rose-breasted Grosbeak*	1	4	1		5
Indigo Bunting*	1	2	1		3
	Island	SBI	MBI	NBI	Bass Islands
Totals Individuals banded		1016	1064	63	2143
Total Species banded	89	66	76	10	89

Banding days	19	19	4	42
Net hours	919.5	2091.25	120.5	3131.25
Birds banded per net-hour	0.76	0.51	0.52	0.68
Recaptures	29	119	5	153
Escapes/releases	70	11	1	82*
Casualties	1	1	5	7
Total birds handled	1182	95	74	1351
Injured birds	*	*	0	
Visitors	305	260	9	574

Year Began 2003 2009 2010

Red = new to island banding list

* = Many of these birds were House Sparrow which were released unbanded

Additional Banders:
 Summer Studies
 Dr. James Marshall
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Purple Martin Colonies
 Thomas Kashmer
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LEIC 2019 Lake Erie Bass Islands Bird Banding / Avian Study Schedule

Tom and Paula Bartlett will be banding birds on the following dates for the public to come and visit. Please let us know if you are planning to visit by e-mailing Tom at hthomas.bartlett@gmail.com or Lisa at leiconservancy@gmail.com. We need to make sure that you are parking in the right location and can give you directions. *Please do not park on private property without permission.*

It is a wonderful opportunity to see the birds up close! *All dates subject to change, cancelation, weather, or rainout—Call if in doubt! Banding beginning 1/2 hour before sunrise and usually ends around 3 PM.*

Middle Bass Island (MBI)

April 28-May 3 All Day MBI, Spring Bandout, East Point Preserve

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hthomas.bartlett@gmail.com

South Bass Island (SBI)

May 5 All Day SBI, Spring Bandout, Vineyard B&B
 May 6-7 PM SBI, Spring Bandout, Vineyard B&B
 May 8 All Day SBI, Spring Bandout, Vineyard B&B
 May 13-14 PM SBI, Spring Bandout, Vineyard B&B
 May 15 All Day SBI, Spring Bandout, Vineyard B&B
 Vineyard Bed & Breakfast, 910 Columbus Avenue

Lake Erie Island Conservancy 2018 Financial Report *By Kelly Faris*

Lake Erie Islands Conservancy		Page 1	Land Protection Fund		Page 2
Year End Financial Report			Balance: Jan. 1, 2018		\$3,908.30
FINANCIAL From Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 2018			Income:		
General Fund			Donations		\$1,550.63
Balance: Jan. 1, 2018	\$52,231.82				
Income:				\$1,550.63	\$1,550.63
Donations	\$9,043.51		Expenditures:		\$5,458.93
Grant	\$935.00		Land Protection		
Life Membership	\$2,600.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Misc	\$50.00				
Ad Sales	\$700.00		Balance: December 31, 2018		\$5,458.93
Sales	\$2,748.51		Stewardship Fund		
Support Dues	\$9,761.26		Balance: Jan. 1, 2018		\$2,425.00
Plant Sales	\$1,378.00		Income:		
Bird Seed Sales	\$3,660.00		Donations	\$0.00	
Intern	\$4,100.00			\$0.00	\$0.00
Middle Bass Music	\$23,629.08		Expenditures:		
Interest	\$414.49		Site Review	\$0.00	
				\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$59,019.85	\$59,019.85	Balance: December 31, 2018		\$2,425.00
		\$111,251.67	General Fund		\$62,492.27
Expenditures:			Land Protection Fund		\$5,458.93
Land Acquisition	\$2,500.00		Stewardship Fund		\$2,425.00
Signs/Benches	\$6,156.12		TOTAL ALL FUNDS		\$70,376.20
Office Supplies	\$1,408.19				
Newsletter	\$1,181.40				
Insurance	\$1,690.00				
Postage	\$1,073.38				
Symposium	\$25.00				
Transportation	\$562.40				
Fees	\$100.00				
Stipend	\$8,000.00				
Program Supplies	\$1,998.46				
Bird Seed	\$2,524.01				
Plants/Trees	\$517.00				
Middle Bass Music Fest	\$14,370.47				
Web Site	\$1,499.00				
AmeriCorps Intern	\$4,150.00				
Brochure	\$1,003.97				
	\$48,759.40	\$48,759.40			
Balance: December 31, 2018		\$62,492.27			

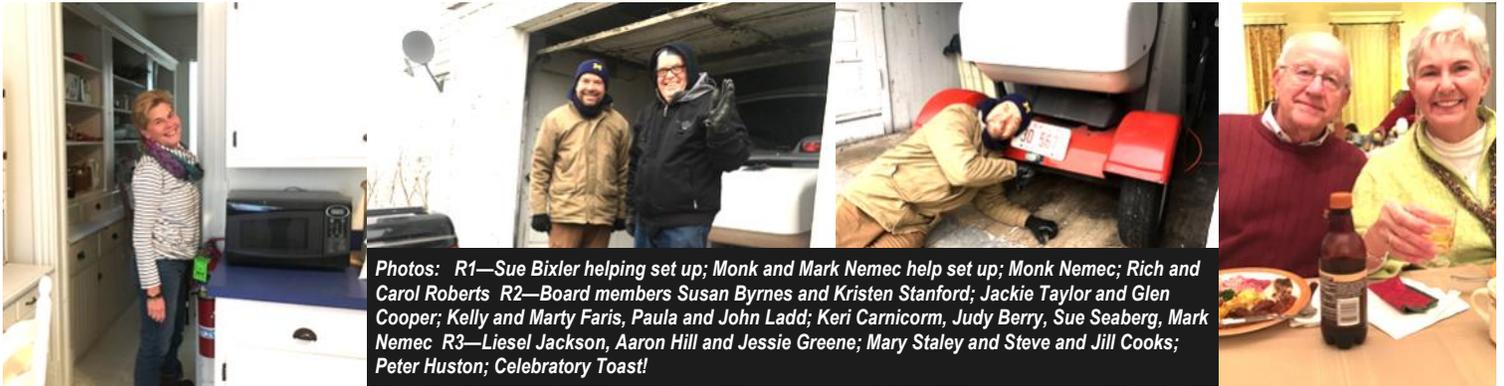
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Lake Erie Islands Conservancy Christmas Potluck *By Lisa Brohl*



Photos: R1—Sue Bixler helping set up; Monk and Mark Nemeec help set up; Monk Nemeec; Rich and Carol Roberts R2—Board members Susan Byrnes and Kristen Stanford; Jackie Taylor and Glen Cooper; Kelly and Marty Faris, Paula and John Ladd; Keri Carnicorm, Judy Berry, Sue Seaberg, Mark Nemeec R3—Liesel Jackson, Aaron Hill and Jessie Greene; Mary Staley and Steve and Jill Cooks; Peter Huston; Celebratory Toast!



A happy crowd enjoyed an evening of good food and company at the South Bass Island Lighthouse on Monday, December 10. Ham and salmon were served with lots of tasty and unusual side dishes like tuna with ginger and wasabi, fried green tomatoes, brussels sprout casserole and lots of desserts! Great cooks here on the island! Chair Lisa Brohl led a sparkling grape juice toast to the years land preservation accomplishments. Thanks to Mark and Monk Nemeec and Susan Bixler for help in setting up and to our hosts the Ohio State University Stone Lab. Nancy Tanner was the winner of the afghan hand made by Tracy Burgess-drawing was held that night.

Thanks to all of our members and supporters for their help this past year!

In attendance-Lisa and Russ Brohl, Kelly and Marty Faris, John and Paula Ladd, Susan Byrnes, Marsha Collett, Scott, Caroline, Liesel, and Cal Jackson, Jessie Greene and Aaron Hill, Kelly Carnicorm, Sue Seaberg, Mark Nemeec, Rich and Carol Roberts, Mother Mary Staley, Val Chornyak, Dorain Toms, Jackie Taylor and Glen Cooper, Rudy and Linda Rence, Steve and Jill Cooks, Bob and Dianne Smith, Kristin Stanford, Susan Bixler, Judy Berry, Linda Frederick, Barry Koehler, Peter and Amy Huston, Jody and Matt Amsten.

T-Shirts and Hats for Sale!

We still have organic cotton made in the USA t-shirts with our LEIC logo in a variety of colors and sizes. They are for sale for \$20 each. Plus we have our LEIC hats in three colors as well for \$22 each.

Contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087 or leiconservancy@gmail.com or see our booth at Founders Day or the Artisan Fairs!



Photo: Volunteer Beth Furner with new LEIC t-shirt, Colorful LEIC T-Shirts, One of the Colors of Hats we offer

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Bass Islands Audubon Christmas Bird Count *By Lisa Brohl*



The annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count was held on the Lake Erie Islands on Sunday, December 16, 2018. The day was unusually warm with a little drizzle in the morning but the sun came out occasionally making for mild winter weather. With the open water and unfrozen marshes on the mainland, there were few waterfowl compared to past years. It was a relatively quiet day in the woods and feeders as well with pockets of bird activity when the sun came out.

The South Bass count started with a great horned owl on a telephone pole at the entrance to the Scheeff East Point Nature Preserve. It was a good owl day with another seen at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail and eastern screech owls heard on Mitchell Rd. at dark. The tufted titmouse showed up at Kit Knaser's feeder on Saturday and was included as part of our official count as a count week bird. It has also been making appearances at Barb Chrysler's feeder this winter. An area where woods, fields, wetland, and vineyards converge at Heineman's vineyards was our best spot of the day with white-throated and song sparrows, a few red-winged blackbirds and a common grackle as well as a variety of other birds. We did count quite a few woodpeckers including one yellow-bellied sapsucker and lots of red-breasted nuthatches in addition to the usual white-breasted nuthatches. The woodpeckers and yellow rumped warblers were enjoying the poison ivy berries at numerous locations. Poison ivy is not always a bad thing!

We had 10 red-tailed hawks between the counters and feeder watchers on South Bass. Bald Eagles made their appearance on the east side and in the cottonwood in front of Miller marina where they are frequently seen. Ruth Scarpelli reported the only three tundra swans that flew over her home—usually we have many more off east point this time of year. The belted kingfisher was still at the pond and one ring-necked duck was found in addition to the usual bufflehead, scaup, and goldeneye although in lower numbers than usual. A total of 47 species were tallied for the day with 242 Canada Goose being the most numerous.

On South Bass Island, Lisa Brohl, Elizabeth Heineman, Susan Harrington, Paula Ziebarth, Sandy Funtal and Brian Hovey monitored the shoreline by car and the woods on foot with some added help from Jessie Greene, Julene Market, and Todd Navarre. Fifteen people



Photos: Chris Ashley at Kelleys; South Bass Island group shot at Lunch; Susan Harrington and Paula Ziebarth counting birds in style on South Bass Island

watched their feeders for at least a portion of the day: Pam Stephens, Walt Duff, Jean Hilt, Ruth Scarpelli, Carmen Trisler, Susan Harrington, Kit Knaser, Sandy and Brian Hovey, Gene and Pam Zajac, Russ Brohl, Rudy and Linda Rence, John Ladd, Michelle Heineman, Sue Amrine, Bob Glauser, Jessie Greene and Aaron Hill, Paul Ladd and Gay Pippert. Thanks to island property owners who allowed us access and to Linda Rence for a great breakfast strata to help feed hungry birders at lunch.

On Middle Bass Island, Nancy Welter and Gerald Shanley surveyed the island. They tallied 30 species with mallards being the most numerous bird counted at 48. They recorded the only horned grebes on the Bass Islands. A great horned owl right in a tree by Nancy's house in the evening was the best bird of the day!

On Kelleys Island, John and Shaun Pogacnik, Tom and Paula Bartlett, Sandi Tkach, Jim Smallwood, Chris Ashley and Tyler McClain and other feeder watchers tallied 59 species with the most numerous bird being bufflehead at 455. Best birds were long-eared owl (heard by Tom and Paula), 8 saw-whet owls, 4 yellow-bellied sapsuckers and a count week western palm warbler.

Counters were also busy on Pelee Island that day. Totals for there and the entire Lake Erie Islands Count Circle will be available soon on the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy website at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org.

Thanks to John Pogacnik for his work as the Lake Erie Count Circle Compiler and to Tom Bartlett for helping us organize.

Thanks for everyone's help with the count. It is great to participate in such a great citizen science effort! It is always lots of fun to be outside all day enjoying the beauty and quiet of the islands in winter!

Species	Kelleys	KI Feed	SB	MB	PI	Total
Canada Goose	278		244	13		535
Tundra Swan			3			3
Gadwall	12					12
American Black Duck	9					9
Mallard	85		45	48	2	180
Canvasback	84					84
Ring-necked Duck			1			1
Redhead	1					1
Greater Scaup	18		7			25
Lesser Scaup	316			4		320
Bufflehead	455		89	26	146	716
Common Goldeneye	142		21	46	58	267
Hooded Merganser			CW			CW
Common Merganser	5		4			9
Red-breasted Merganser	173		16	12	23	224
Merganser spp.			23			23
Diving duck spp.			10	40		50
Ring-necked Pheasant					3	3
Wild Turkey					50	50
Horned Grebe	13			6		19
Ring-billed Gull	80			13		93
Herring Gull	192		29	8		229
Great Black-backed Gull	9		2			11
Gull spp.			39		7	46
Double-crested Cormorant	6		2		1	9
Great Blue heron			CW			CW
Turkey Vulture	10					10
Bald Eagle (2 ad)	7		3	2	6	18
Northern Harrier	1					1
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1	2	1			4
Cooper's Hawk	2	1	3	1	1	8
Red-shouldered Hawk	CW					CW
Red-tailed Hawk	1		10	2	3	16
Rough-legged Hawk	CW					CW
Hawk spp.			2			2
Mourning Dove	6		4		3	13
Eastern Screech-Owl	11		2			13
Great Horned Owl	3		4	1		8
Long-eared Owl	1					1
Northern Saw-whet Owl	8					8
Belted Kingfisher	1		1			2
Red-bellied Woodpecker	18	2	45	1	2	68
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	4		1			5
Downy Woodpecker	63	7	72	4	9	155
Hairy Woodpecker	2					2
Northern Flicker	61		16	1		78
Blue Jay	6	3	32	4	41	86
American Crow	64	10	13	2		89
Black-capped Chickadee	225	24	103	12	28	392
Tufted Titmouse			CW			CW
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5	4	12	1	8	30
White-breasted Nuthatch	14	3	33	3	6	59
Brown Creeper	2	2	3			7
Winter Wren	2					2
Carolina Wren	27	4	11	2		44
Ruby-crowned Kinglet			1		1	2
Golden-crowned Kinglet	43		7		6	56
Kinglet spp.			5			5
Eastern Bluebird	36				7	43
Hermit Thrush	34					34
American Robin	183	2	115	6	25	331
European Starling	34	15	191	184		424
Cedar Waxwing	191					191
House Sparrow	112	112	451	11		686
House Finch	162	27	84	12	1	286
Purple Finch	18	1				19
American Goldfinch	14	8	11	8		41
American Tree Sparrow					18	18
Song Sparrow	1		2			3
White-throated Sparrow	115	23	12	3		153
Dark-eyed Junco	85	10	49	2		146
Sparrow spp.			2			2
Western Palm Warbler	CW					CW
Yellow-rumped warbler	32		6			38
Red-winged Blackbird	2		4			6
Common Grackle	1		2			3
Northern Cardinal	113	17	128	4	15	277
65 spp	3599	277	1976	482	470	6804
6 CW		*High	**Unusual			

AmeriCorps Intern for the Island-Please Donate

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Put-in-Bay Township Park District, and Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center will be sharing an AmeriCorps intern for the summer to assist with our land preservation and educational programs. We have had great experiences with our interns providing new energy and ideas to our programs in the summer when we are all the busiest. It is not without cost however, so we are looking for donations toward this expense. If you are interested in donating, contact Lisa Brohl at 419-366-2087, email us at leiconservancy@gmail.com, or send a check to LEIC, P.O. Box 461, Put-in-Bay, Ohio 43456 with AmeriCorps on the memo line. You may also use

our PayPal at www.lakeerieislandsconservancy.org but please designate for the AmeriCorps intern program. If we are unable to get an intern that has island housing already, we would welcome housing for a ten week intern as well. We have had wonderful interns- Colleen O'Brien, Leah Bilski, Carmen Levand, Jackie Taylor, Chloe Nostrant, Jenna Prahst, and Samantha Newhouse—each brought their special talents to their summer work experience.



Come on Spring! Here are some events to get us started!

Winter making you Batty? Join us for a Bat Conservation Program at Town Hall March 8!

The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will host a program on Ohio Bat Conservation given by Sarah Stankavich of the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Heidi Bencin and Austin Waag, research technicians with the Ohio

University at 7:30 at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall on Friday, March 8, 2019. They will be on the island taking a look at some of our island habitats for bats that weekend.

Gene takes us on a walk back to “The Time of Apollo” March 14!

Discover the astronauts involved with circling and walking on the moon. Twelve astronauts walked on the lunar surface. The 50th anniversary will be happening this year. The first landing was on July 20th, 1969! Come celebrate with a presentation of this amazing feat from local solar system ambassador Gene Zajac.

The program will be Thursday March 14, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Put-in-Bay Town Hall. As we are a community without light pollution, our Lake Erie Islands Conservancy continues to offer programs on astronomy topics—thanks to Gene! See you there!!

You'll get 3 for 1 at Jane Coates Wildflower Trail on Earth Day 2019 (April 22)!

On Monday, April 22, the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy will hold an Earth Day walk at the Jane Coates Wildflower Trail at 4:00pm. We will enjoy early spring wildflowers like Dutchman's Breeches, cut-leaved toothwort, and false Solomon's seal. Everyone will learn to identify the invasive garlic mustard—and pull it up! Do your part to ensure that the Dutchman's breeches continue to grow at the Wildflower Trail. Gloves and bags will be provided for all of the adventurers. Heineman's Winery will provide water and LEIC will provide snacks including some made with the garlic mustard.

Prizes of a free LEIC t-shirt or hat to the most garlic mustard pulled. Special nature door prizes in hidden Easter eggs as well!

Earth Day was first celebrated in 1970 and is now an annual celebration every April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection in over 193 countries.

See beautiful wildflowers, learn about invasives, and hunt for special “nature” Easter eggs when you celebrate Earth Day and spring with us on the islands!

Help Plant a Tree or two to Celebrate Arbor Day at DeRivera/Village Park Friday, April 26 By Kelly Faris



Once again, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, has been named a Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to the goals and principles of the Arbor Day Foundation.

Put-in-Bay achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: an establishment of a tree commission, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget, and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

This year, Put-in-Bay's Arbor Day Celebration will take place on Friday, April 26, 2019, at 4:00 pm. The Council of the Village of Put-in-Bay has allocated funds for Arbor Day expenses. On Arbor Day, a hoptree (wafer ash) and a Shadbush (Juneberry) will be planted at the village Arbor Day

site adjacent to between the Put-in-Bay Post Office and the village housing. Both trees are native to the islands and can be found on the cliffs here. The hoptree is a host plant for the caterpillar of the giant swallowtail and is a member of the citrus family. Shadbush gets its name from small white blossoms in the spring, about the time shad (a fish) spawn.

The Arbor Day Foundation is a million member nonprofit conservation and education organization whose mission is to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. Information is available at arborday.org. Members of the Village of Put-in-Bay Tree Commission are Lisa Brohl, Kelly Faris, and Kendra Koehler.

It's Amazing How the Ice Inspires—Photos from Scheeff East Point Preserve by Christine Ontko



A Special THANKS...



Nancy Tanner was the winner of the afghan hand made by Tracy Burgess with repurposed and recycled yarns! We had been selling tickets for the afghan all summer at our Island Artisan Fair and we drew the winning ticket at our Christmas Potluck last week!

Thanks Tracy for the donation of the afghan and thanks Nancy for buying so many tickets!



Elizabeth Heineman and Lisa Brohl walked all the Preserve trails after the storm force winds on February 24 to remove down limbs. Only found these at Massie Cliffside Preserve that we still need volunteer help with. If you would like to help, please contact Lisa Brohl!



John and Robin Glauser cleaned out the wood duck nesting boxes at the Petersen Woods Preserve and Kuehnle Wildlife in February. John is shown replacing the wooden bottoms on the boxes. With the high water levels, John is replacing posts so they can be above water level this spring.

Thanks John and Robin for all your time, effort, and materials, and expertise for the ducks! We all enjoy seeing them at Middle Bass each year!



Paul Ladd, Melody Many, and Elizabeth Heineman walked out to clean out the wood duck box on South Bass built by Casey Carty. Looks like some wood ducks at least attempted to use it last year. Fresh wood chips were placed in the box for the coming spring.

Robin and John Glauser do this also with the boxes at Middle Bass each year. This year the lake level is very high with the water to the bottom of the nest box baffles.



John and Paula Ladd come to the rescue again when it comes time to get the LEIC Newsletter in the mail! Love those smiles!

Sustain Our Great Lakes Grant Possibility *By Lisa Brohl*

Neal Hess and Lisa Brohl wrote a pre-proposal for a Sustain Our Great Lakes restoration grants to fund some natural shoreline erosion protection for the Scheeff East Point Preserve. With record high water levels on the way this year, the trail could be moved even further inland. Fingers crossed we get invited for a full proposal.



Super Blood Moon Delights on Island

By Lisa Brohl

We had a beautiful view of the Super Blood Moon on the night of January 20, 2019 at Put-in-Bay! We have excellent views of the night sky here due to hardly any light pollution. Thanks Susan Byrnes for sharing this photo!

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“Last Harvest” An Article by Danny Combs By Lisa Brohl

For a great article on the grape growing at North Bass, check out this link for an article by Daniel Combs, currently working as Digital Outreach Specialist for the Ohio Sea Grant program in Columbus.

<https://issuu.com/djacombs/docs/swallowtail>



IN MEMORIAM

Louis Victor Heineman

Louis Victor Heineman, 92, of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, passed away on Sunday, January 13, 2019, at Firelands Regional Medical Center, Sandusky, Ohio. Louis Heineman was the owner and operator of the Heineman Winery on South Bass Island, in the western basin of Lake Erie.

Louis Heineman's grandfather Gustav Heineman, an immigrant from Germany, founded the Heineman Winery in 1888.

Louis once stated that he was “the largest conservationist” in the Islands, referring to the undeveloped land that he owned. Louis was a friend of Put-in-Bay Township Park District. Two dollars per bottle from the sale of the Watersnake Noiret wine was donated to the Park District. Noiret is a dry red wine with notes of green and black pepper and aromas of raspberry, blackberry and mint. This delicious wine won a gold medal at the Great American Wine Competition and continues to win medals at wine competitions over the years.

Today the fourth, fifth and in future years, the sixth generation of Heinemans continue the family wine making tradition. Heineman Winery is proud to be the oldest family owned and operated winery in Ohio.

Louis's grandson, Dustin, is on the Board of Directors of the Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, and Louis's children Edward, Angie and Elizabeth are supporters of the Conservancy.

The rich green vineyards, the thick wooded areas, and the smell of the grapes will continue the legacy of Louis Heineman. Thank you, Louie!

Louis Heineman, the patriarch of the Heineman Winery will be missed.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, Put-in-Bay, Ohio, and the Gustav Heineman Scholarship Fund, Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

Need a FUN Summer Outdoor Job?



The Lake Erie Islands Conservancy, Put-in-Bay Township Park District (PIBTPD), and the Lake Erie Islands Nature and Wildlife Center (LEINWC) are looking to hire an AmeriCorps Environmental Steward Intern for the summer of 2019. It is a ten-week program working a minimum of 30 hrs. per

week. Interns are provided a small stipend biweekly and a Segal Educational Award at the completion of the internship-to be used for qualified student loans or tuition. The intern will work on projects like trail maintenance, invasive plant management, grant writing, design of signs and brochures, social media, wildlife and plant surveys, nest box monitoring, etc. for the Conservancy and the PIBTPD depending on the skill set of the intern. For the LEINWC, the intern can assist with tours, Wild Tuesday, Nature Camp, native wildlife and our pollinator exhibits, community events and outreach, and monitoring the phenology garden and pollinator gardens. Applicants must be at least 17 years old. Preference is given to university students but a high school education is all that is required to use the education award. It is necessary to have island housing. If interested, contact Lisa Brohl at leiconservancy@gmail.com or 419-366-2087. To take a look at the Environmental Steward program, go to their website at www.environmentalstewards.org.

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Lots of events coming up this Spring and Summer—keep checking our website and Facebook pages for more info!



July 13, 2019 for Middle Bass Music Festival 2019

August 3-14, 2019 for Island Green Week



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Middle Bass Music Festival 2019 Update

Things are rolling along with the planning for the Middle Bass Music Festival for July 13, 2019! Committee of Chair Bruce Miles, Manager Nancy Welter, Lisa Brohl, Lee Hisey, and Jim Roesch of the Middle Bass Dock Company have been busy putting the event together. We look forward to the sounds of Mo Mojo, Hillbilly Idol, North Coast Goats, and the Reilly Brothers band and to enjoying food vendors Rosy's and Jimmy G's, beer from Catawba Island Brewing Company, and wine from Heineman's. We are applying for grants from the Lake Erie Shores and Islands and the Ohio Arts Council for the event. We are looking for volunteers for the day of the event and island housing for band and vendors-contact Nancy Welter at nkw2329@yahoo.com if you can help out this year.